

Claim Amendments

The claims listed below constitute a complete list of the claims pending in the application and replace all prior versions of the claims. Please amend claims 7 and 10 – 13; and add claims 14 – 16 as shown below.

- 1 1. (Original) An add-on support for wheeled travel cases, comprising:
 - 2 (a) an attachment structure attachable to a side of a wheeled travel case,
 - 3 (b) an elongated extendable support having an attachment end and a
4 wheeled end, the attachment end attached to the attachment structure,
 - 5 (c) a locking mechanism that locks the extendable support in an extended
6 position relative to the attachment structure, and
 - 7 (d) at least one support wheel mounted on the wheeled end of the extendable
8 support; and
 - 9 (e) straps attached to the attachment structure in positions suitable for
10 strapping the attachment structure to a wheeled travel case.
- 1 2. (Original) The add-on support of claim 1 wherein the extendable support has two
2 attached wheels.
- 1 3. (Original) The add-on support of claim 1 wherein the at least one wheel is a
2 caster wheel with a pivot axis that is substantially vertical when the extendable
3 support is extended and an attached travel case is tilted until the support wheel
4 carries load on a level surface.
- 1 4. (Original) The add-on support of claim 1 further comprising a hook that restrains
2 upward movement of the attachment structure relative to a case to which it is
3 attached.

- 1 5. (Original) The add-on support of claim 4 wherein the extendable support is
2 pivotally attached to the attachment structure such that when the extendable
3 support is collapsed, the at least one wheel is near a lower end of the attachment
4 structure.
- 1 6. (Original) The add-on support of claim 4 wherein the extendable support is
2 pivotally attached to the attachment structure such that when the extendable
3 support is collapsed, the at least one wheel is near an upper end of the
4 attachment structure.
- 1 7. (Currently Amended) A long wheeled travel case with an extendable wheeled
2 support, comprising:
- 3 (a) a travel case having a base with two edge wheels mounted on an edge
4 between the base and a side of the case and having a length of the base
5 to one side of the edge greater than 40 inches and a height to the other
6 side of the edge less than half of the length;
- 7 (b) a handle at a top of the travel case opposite the edge wheels which
8 handle extends from the case no more than six inches;
- 9 (c) an extendable support having a length, an attachment end, and a wheeled
10 end, the attachment end attached to the tilt side of the travel case at a
11 pivot location;
- 12 (d) at least one caster support-wheel mounted on the wheeled end of the
13 support;
- 14 (e) a locking mechanism that locks the extendable support in an extended
15 position angle formed between the travel case and the support; wherein
- 16 (f) the length of the extendable support combined with the pivot location and
17 the extended position angle cause the travel case to be raised from a
18 horizontal position less than 45 degrees when the at least one caster
19 support-wheels and edge wheels carry weight on level ground.

- 1 8. (Original) The case of claim 7 wherein the case is hard.
- 1 9 (Original) The case of claim 7 wherein the case is soft.
- 1 10. (Currently Amended) The case of claim 7 wherein the extendable support has
2 two attached caster wheels.
- 1 11. (Currently Amended) The case of claim 7 wherein the at least one wheel is a
2 caster wheel has with a pivot axis that is substantially vertical when the
3 extendable support is extended and the travel case is raised such that the at
4 least one caster support wheel carries load on a level surface.
- 1 12. (Currently Amended) The case of claim 7 wherein the extendable support is
2 pivotally attached to the travel case such that, when the extendable support is
3 collapsed, the at least one caster wheel is near the wheeled end of the case.
- 1 13. (Currently Amended) The case of claim 7 wherein the extendable support is
2 pivotally attached to the travel case such that, when the extendable support is
3 collapsed, the at least one caster wheel is far from the wheeled end of the case.
- 1 14. (New) A long, wheeled travel case with an extendable wheeled support,
2 comprising:
- 3 a travel case having a base with two edge wheels mounted on an edge
4 between the base and a side of the case and having a length of the base
5 to one side of the edge greater than 40 inches and a height to the other
6 side of the edge less than half of the length;
- 7 a handle at a top of the travel case opposite the edge wheels which handle
8 extends from the case no more than six inches;
- 9 an extendable support having a length, an attachment end, and a wheeled
10 end, the attachment end attached to the tilt side of the travel case at a
11 pivot location;
- 12 at least one support wheel mounted on the wheeled end of the support;

13 a locking mechanism that locks the extendable support in an extended
14 position angle formed between the travel case and the support; wherein
15 the length of the extendable support combined with the pivot location and the
16 extended position angle cause the travel case to be raised from a
17 horizontal position less than 45 degrees when the support wheels and
18 edge wheels carry weight on level ground.

1 15. (New) A long, wheeled travel case with an extendable wheeled support,
2 comprising:

3 a travel case having a base with two edge wheels mounted on an edge
4 between the base and a side of the case and having a length of the base
5 to one side of the edge greater than 40 inches and a height to the other
6 side of the edge less than half of the length;

7 a handle at a top of the travel case opposite the edge wheels which handle
8 extends from the case no more than six inches;

9 an extendable support having a length, an attachment end, and a wheeled
10 end, the attachment end attached to the tilt side of the travel case at a
11 pivot location;

12 at least one support wheel mounted on the wheeled end of the support;

13 a locking mechanism that locks the extendable support in an extended
14 position angle formed between the travel case and the support; wherein

15 the travel case is substantially stiff along its length, and the length of the
16 extendable support combined with the pivot location and the extended
17 position angle cause the travel case to be raised from a horizontal position
18 less than 45 degrees when the support wheels and edge wheels carry
19 weight on level ground.

1 16. (New) The case of claim 15 wherein the base is substantially stiff along its length.

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